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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE VISIT BARBERA

1. US CONGRESSMEN AND ACCOMPANYING GROUP DEPARTED MOGADISCIO FOR BERBERA BY GSDR AIRCRAFT AT APPROXIMATELY 0530 LOCAL JULY 6.

2. GSDR ESCORT OFFICERS INCLUDED SRC MEMBER AND NAVAL COMMANDER MOHAMED GHELLE YUSUF. SRC MEMBER AHMED SULEIMUF, WHO ACCOMPANIED SENATOR BARTLETT TO BERBERA, WAS NOT RPT NOT IN ESCORT GROUP.

WE UNDERSTAND HE IS ILL.

3. CONGRESSMEN STRATTON AND ACCOMPANYING CONGRESSMEN, TOGETHER WITH HOUSE STAFFERS AND CHARGE, MET WITH SIAD AT 2300 HRS LOCAL JULY 5 FOR FIFTY MINUTE SESSION. MEETING WAS SIMILAR IN MANY RESPECTS TO SIAD'S FIRST MEETING WITH SENATOR BARTLETT AND SIAD ASKED GROUP TO REMAIN EXTRA DAY TO TOUR DROUGHT AND

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RESETTLEMENT AREAS.

4. STRATTON TOLD SIAD HIS GROUP WOULD ATTEMPT WORK DROUGHT AREA AND RESETTLEMENT VISIT INTO SCHEDULE BUT THAT THEIR JULY 7 DEPARTURE SCHEDULE COULD NOT RPT NOT BE DELAYED.

5. CONGRESSMEN STRATTON TOLD SIAD THAT GROUP HOPED VISIT BERBERA WITHOUT RESTRICTION, AS INVITATION PROMISED. SIAD TOLD HIM EVERYTHING WOULD BE SHOWN. STRATTON DID NOT RPT NOT GO OVER RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOS WITH SIAD, SINCE SENATOR BARTLETT HAD GONE OVER PHOTOS IN DETAIL WITH SAID.

6. WE HAVE RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORT FROM SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE SAMANTAR THAT SOMALI GOVT WILL OPEN UP SOVIET RECEIVER AND TRANSMITTER SITES TO CONGRESSMEN, BUT THIS IS NOT RPT NOT CONFIRMED. SAMANTAR SAT IN ON SIAD-CONGRESSIONAL MEETING JULY 6, TOGETHER WITH SCORE OF OTHER GSDR OFFICIALS, AND AFTERWARDS PARTICIPATED IN MEETING AT PRESIDENCY WHICH FOLLOWED CONGRESSIONAL CALL ON PRESIDENT.

7. AT TIME CONGRESSMEN DEPARTED FROM PRESIDENCY, GSDR OFFICIALS STILL DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHO WOULD ACCOMPANY STRATTON AND COMPANY TO BERBERA. WE ASSUME THAT THIS WAS DECIDED IN EARLY MORNING STRATEGY SESSION JULY 6.

8. CHARGE DID NOT RPT NOT ACCOMPANY GROUP TO BERBERA.
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